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SUBJ: SOUVANNA CHAIRS CABINET MEETING: LAO KING

TO VISIT LPF ZONE

1. AT PRESS CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 27, GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN
OUDAY SOUVANNAVONG SAID THAT PGNU CABINET MEETING FEBRUARY
26 WAS CHAIRED BY PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA AND
ADDRESSED FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

2. SOUVANNA'S ROLE: SOUVANNA INFORMED CABINET MEMBERS OF
HIS PLEASURE AT RETURNING TO VIENTIANE AND RESUMING HIS
DUTIES. HE SAID HIS HEALTH IS "ALMOST BACK TO NORMAL"
BUT THAT HE WILL CONCERN HIMSELF ONLY WITH MAJOR ISSUES.
ROUTINE MATTERS WILL BE HANDLED BY MINISTERS AND SECRETARIES
OF STATE.

3. KING TO VISIT LPF ZONE: PRINCE SOUPHANOUVONG HAS IN-
VITED KING TO VISIT SAM NEUA AND OTHER PARTS OF "LIBERATED
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ZONE." TENTATIVELY, VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER LAO NEW

YEAR CELEBRATIONS (I.E., AFTER APRIL 16).

4. COUP RUMORS TO BE TRACKED/SUPPRESSED: CABINET ORDERED
JOINT CENTRAL COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENTS (JCCIA)
TO TRACK DOWN SOURCE OF RECENT COUP RUMORS AND TO PUNISH
THOSE RESPONSIBLE NO MATTER TO WHICH SIDE THEY BELONG.

5. KING'S CORONATION: THE CABINET DECIDED TO BEGIN PRE-
PARATIONS FOR FORMAL CORONATION OF KING SRI SAVANG VATHANA.
CEREMONY, WHICH HAS BEEN POSTPONED FOR SOME 16 YEARS BE-
CAUSE OF WAR IN LAOS, IS TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE DECEMBER
1976. PRINCE SOUPHANOUVONG, PRESIDENT OF THE JOINT NATIONAL
POLITICAL COUNCIL, AND INTERIOR MINISTER PHENG PHONGSAVAN
WERE NAMED CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN, RESPECTIVELY, OF
THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE.
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